Implementing Total Quality Leadership

Lesson Twelve

The Implementation Plan

Objectives

- Describe reasons organizations develop implementation plans.
- Describe the relationship of implementation plans to the more comprehensive strategic plan.
- Describe the roles of various organizational members in creating an implementation plan.
- **Demonstrate the ability to assist the ESC in developing an implementation plan.**

This blueprint is important for what it encourages and also for what it discourages

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The TQL Implementation Plan

- Plan your work and work your plan
- Basic objective of the TQL implementation plan is to establish the practice of command-wide process management.
- The TQL Coordinator assists the ESC in developing the plan.

Plan Should Include:

- **λ** Forming and chairing the ESC.
- Selecting and training the TQL coordinator.
- **Σ Establishing and continuing education in TQL.**
- Developing a training plan to establish the critical mass.
- **Lange 1** Identifying and prioritizing major customers and their requirements.

Plan Should Include (cont.)

- Identifying and prioritizing significant processes and process owners
- **λ Chartering and training Quality Improvement teams**
- Identifying and removing impediments to process improvement
- λ Planning for the reinvestment of resources

Benefits

- λ Helps allocate resources appropriately, reduce waste and avoid "False Starts"
- **λ Demonstrates and deepens leadership** commitment if well executed
- λ Two-year time frame helps overcome short-term focus
- **Allows for measurement of progress**
- **Σ** Functions as a guide and anchor for ESC activity

The Plan Helps the Organization

- λ Become *adaptive*.
- Begin the process of organizational learning.
- λ Gain an *external focus.*
- λ Understand, at a greater level of detail, how the work of the organization gets done.
- λ Reshape leadership's thinking.
- Support Deming's point #14 Take Action!

Summary

- The Implementation plan is used to provide focus to the organization's start-up activities.
- The Implementation plan is developed by the ESC with the advice and assistance of the Command TQL Coordinator.
- The Implementing plan is an important tool for developing the critical mass and for building commitment.

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Summary (cont.)

- The implementation plan serves to focus the organization's quality efforts.
- Important information is gathered during the execution of the implementation plan that is used in the development of more long term, breakthrough plans.